

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been examined. Claims 1-10, 12, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claims 11 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,758,259 to Lawler

(“Lawler”)

Claims 1-10, 12, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lawler. Applicants submit that the claims are patentable over the reference.

A. Claim 1

For example, claim 1 states that a calculating device calculates priority degrees of a first program and a second program and a display device displays a first program cell corresponding to the first program and displays a second program cell corresponding to the second program. Also, when a first broadcast period of the first program partially coincides with a second broadcast period of the second program, the display device displays the first and second program cells such that the first and second program cells only partially overlap in a time slot where the first broadcast period and the second broadcast period partially coincide. Since Lawler does not disclose or suggest at least displaying first and second program cells that partially overlap, as claimed, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the reference.

B. Claim 2

Since claim 2 contains features that are similar to the features recited in claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 2 is patentable for at least similar reasons.

C. Claims 3-10 and 12

Since claims 3-10 and 12 depend upon claim 1, Applicants submit that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

D. Claim 14

Since claim 14 contains features that are similar to the features recited in claim 1, Applicants submit that the claim is patentable for at least similar reasons.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lawler and U.S. Patent No. 5,589,892 to Knee et al. (“Knee”)

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawler (as applied to claim 5) and further in view of Knee. Since claim 11 indirectly depends upon claim 1, and since Knee does not cure the deficient teachings of Lawler with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 11 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Lawler and U.S. Patent No. 6,704,028 to Wugofski (“Wugofski”)

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawler (as applied to claim 5) and further in view of Wugofski. Since claim 13 indirectly depends upon claim 1, and since Wugofski does not cure the deficient teachings of Lawler with respect to claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 13 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

IV. Newly added claims

Applicants have added new claims 15-22. Since claim 18 contains features that are similar to the features discussed above in conjunction with claim 1, Applicants submit that claim

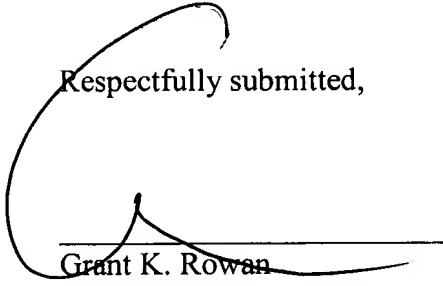
18 is patentable for at least similar reasons. Also, since claims 15-17 and 19-22 depend on claim 1, 2, 14, or 18, Applicants submit that they are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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